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CURRENT TOPICS.

IOWA is considering a two-cent railroad bill.

FLORIDA is enjoying roasting ears just now.

ELECTRICITY is now applied to blacking shoes.

IN twelve States women have the right of school suffrage.

THE Utah Legislature contains thirty-one Mormons and five Gentiles.

AS THE cable road loses its grip, Death tightens his on the passengers.

No lady who wears a bustle can belong to the salvation army in New York.

LONG ISLAND farmers' wives get three cents a pair for making boys' pants.

A MADISON (Wis.) man has given 3,000 children of that city a free sleigh ride.

A FORTY-POUND crocodile covered with woolly hair has been discovered in Florida.

A "pancake toss"—the catcher eating all he can catch—is a new entertainment.

THE British Museum has just acquired the chair used by the Queen of Egypt, 3,400 years ago.

CONGRESS is asked not to interfere with the adulteration of lard, because it is an infant industry.

No smoke arises from any house in Japan. Charcoal furnaces are used both for cooking and heating.

OF the twenty-one committee clerks of the Iowa House sworn in the other day, nineteen were women.

A HEMP bee will be held in Indian Territory, April 27, in which seven murderers will take a prominent part.

THE Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad Company has already paid $300,000 on account of the Chatsworth disaster.

A LOT of Liberian negroes employed by De Lesseps at Panama are begging the United States to send them home.

PEOPLE who say that there are few great soldiers in Europe should recollect that great wars make great Generals.

"WE Brandenburgers only fear God and nothing else in the world," is now on the arms of the royal house of Prussia.

Two young Massachusetts women have gone to Buffalo with the intention of embarking in the profession of dentistry.

IT is formally announced by his friends that Governor Hill is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

"JOHNSTON, Gallup & Hurry" is the name of a New York firm, which is said to be a busy and enterprising concern.

THE Naval Board reports favorably on the eight-inch pneumatic dynamite gun recently tested at Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

A CHANGE of two letters in a message cost the Western Union Telegraph Company $300 by a Supreme Court decision.

MR. ABELL, proprietor of the Baltimore *Sun*, is worth $20,000,000, and is said to be the richest newspaper man in the world.

MISS SUSAN LA FLESCHE, an Omaha Indian maiden, is studying medicine as the ward of the Connecticut Indian Association.

THE newest whim in that part of New York polite society which suffers from ennui may be called the "pug-dog reception."

SEVEN engagements were made at a leap year party at Woodland, Cal., the other night, where only fourteen couples were present.

A SMALL piece of tapestry of the time of Louis XIV, entitled La Lecon d'Equitation, was sold by auction in Paris recently for $2,200.

NEXT to the Emperor, the Crown Prince of Germany has a larger number of decorations than any man in the Empire. He has seventy-four.

MAINE claims to have sixteen men and women who have lived more than one hundred years, and no end of inhabitants who are over ninety.

SENATOR WADE HAMPTON and General Sherman are in a hot quarrel over the twenty-two-year-old conundrum, "Who Lost Columbia?"

IF the manufacturers of firearms who have formed a trust will turn out a gun that won't go off when it "isn't loaded," the people will forgive them.

A MAN in Lee County, Ga., has succeeded in taming blue jays so that they fly down from the trees and perch on his shoulders as he walks around his garden.

THE Senate Committee on Education has decided to report favorably the bill providing for a commission of five to investigate the alcoholic liquor traffic.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY refuses to accept the proffered $8,000 from the State Treasury on the condition that no white scholar shall be taught in the institution.

THE U. S. steamer Antietam, which has done duty for years as a storehouse and barracks at the League Island Navy-yard, is to be broken up and the material sold.

GERMANY'S resolution to take part in the Paris Exposition this year is accepted as evidence that the war spirit against France in the Fatherland is not rampant.

MICHAEL FLEECHAN, now one of the richest men in Denver, Col., reached that city nine years ago almost dead with consumption and barely five dollars in his pocket.

A WELLINGTON (Kas.) man told his wife that for two cents he would cut his throat. The required capital was advanced and the transaction resulted in a prospective widow.

MRS. JOHN GUEST, of Wichita, Kas., has well employed her twenty years of married life, for she has borne twenty-two children, twice giving birth to twins and once to triplets.

SOME railroad companies are slow to adopt the method of heating their cars with steam, possibly preferring to wait for a snowy day and warm up passengers with kerosene and smoke from the locomotive.

A [illegible] living near Macon, Ga., was attacked a few days ago by a Texas pony which he was leading, and would have been killed if his wife had not run to his assistance and stunned the animal by striking it with an axe.

THE advocates of a postal telegraph system have finally got their bill before Congress, and their figures as well. They claim that they can build 15,000 miles of lines in this country and take in all the principal cities for $5,585,570.

THE extensive collection of rare, rich and costly laces belonging to the late Mrs. John Jacob Astor, worth a very large sum, were recently presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

IN Marion County, S. C., an eagle seized a hen. Mrs. Eliza Berry, aged seventy-[illegible], came to the rescue. The eagle buried [illegible] her mash and held on until Mr. [illegible] head off.

[illegible] recently offended a Kansas [illegible] a silk dress by telling her [illegible] on the high road to the devil's [illegible] and she retorted sharply: "[illegible] probably meet again, sir!"

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

First Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—SENATE.—Petitions and memorials were presented. A bill was passed appropriating $15,000 for the poor of the District, one-half to come out of the District revenues. A number of bills reported, one appropriating $200,000 for the erection of a hall of records in Washington. Several bills were introduced and referred. Mr. Voorhees defended the Congressional Library Building Commission against the charges of extravagance. Mr. Plumb spoke against the Blair educational bill. Mr. Reagan defended the administration of the Post-office Department. Bills were passed appropriating $350,000 for the enlargement of the public building at Newark and $500,000 for a public building at Portland, Ore. The Senate at 5 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE.—Under the call of States bills and resolutions were introduced and referred. District of Columbia business was then considered. The first bill called was one prohibiting lottery advertisements in the District of Columbia. It was finally referred to the Judiciary Committee—yeas 117, nays 115. A bill was passed prohibiting pool-selling or bookmaking in Washington and Georgetown on races and base ball. A bill to appropriate $25,000 for a bridge across Rock creek at the Woodley lane came up, but was not acted upon. At 5 p. m. the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—SENATE.—Bills were reported and placed on the calendar, and others were introduced and referred; one to compensate female nurses for services during the rebellion, and another to prohibit the sale or gift of tobacco to persons under sixteen in the District. The Plumb resolution for an investigation of complaints about inefficient mail service was discussed. The Blair educational bill was taken up. Mr. Hawley speaking in opposition. The bill for compulsory education of Indian children was taken up, and without action the Senate at 4:00 p. m. adjourned after a short executive session.

HOUSE.—A resolution was adopted assigning the second and fourth Mondays in each month to District business. Unimportant resolutions amending the rules were adopted. The Secretary of War replied to the House resolution calling for information regarding changes in the plan and scope of the rebellion records. A joint resolution was passed appropriating $62,500 for printing copies of the report on cattle and dairy products. A bill was reported from Ways and Means to provide for the purchase of U. S. bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury. A bill appropriating $25,000 for the Rock Creek bridge on the road to the President's house, was passed. A number of favorable reports were made on pension bills and public buildings and bridges. The urgent deficiency bill was taken up and considered by sections. A bill was introduced to pay to New York City $2,292,657 for bonds issued to the Union Defense Committee in 1861 and 1862.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—SENATE.—Petitions and memorials were presented. Bills reported and introduced: One to reimburse States for interest paid on moneys expended in raising troops during the war of the rebellion. The Blair educational bill was taken up, Mr. Hale speaking. He was followed by Messrs. Morgan, Butler, Call, Saulsbury and Blair. An amendment proposing to distribute the money appropriated on the basis of population instead of illiteracy was voted down with several others of minor importance. The bill was finally passed—yeas 39, nays 29.

HOUSE.—Mr. Cox was appointed Speaker pro tem. A bill was passed creating Board of Arbitration to determine the controversy over certain territory claimed by Texas and the United States. Bills were reported, among them a number for the erection of public buildings. Also, a bill to pay $100 to soldiers enlisted under the act of July 22, 1861, and discharged or promoted before the expiration of two years, and who have not received bounty. A resolution was reported for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the delay on the new library building, its contracts and affairs. The urgent deficiency bill was taken up and considered. Pending final action the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—SENATE.—Bills were reported and introduced. Mr. Plumb's resolution directing an inquiry as to the causes of inefficient mail service was agreed to. Also Mr. Manderson's resolution was adopted requiring the Secretary of War to furnish the Senators, on their request, with lists of persons to whom the records of the rebellion are to be issued. Private pension bills to the number of 108 were passed, and after a short executive session the Senate at 4:45 p. m., adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.—Mr. Carlisle was in the chair. The Committee on Printing submitted a report on the inquiry in regard to the shortage of public documents credited to members. A number of reports were submitted. Senate amendments were concurred in to the House bill providing for the appointment of eleven division superintendents of the Railway Mail Service. The urgent deficiency bill was then considered until 5 p. m., when the House took a recess until 8 p. m., the night session being occupied in debate on the Anderson Pacific Railroad Telegraph bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—SENATE.—Not in session.

HOUSE.—The Blair educational bill was laid before the House and referred to the Committee on Education. A motion was agreed to instructing the Committee on Manufactures to report back the resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate the Sugar Trust in New York. The urgent deficiency bill was passed. A private bill, coming over from last Friday as unfinished business, was passed. At 4:45 p. m. the House adjourned until Monday.

A Yankee Consul's Bluff.

TANGIER, Feb. 16.—It is reported that Mr. W. Reed Lewis, the American Consul, has asked his Government to immediately send a man-of-war to force his demand for the release of a Moor imprisoned at Rabat. The authorities declare that the Moor has no right to claim protection of Mr. Lewis, on the ground that a civil suit was pending against the Moor when the Consul issued his protection patent.

Bravery Rewarded.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Captain Cowan, of the fire-boat Chicago, it was decided to-day, will be awarded the Treo medal for bravery during the year, at the annual presentation March 5. He won it by his conduct at a fire, by rescuing several persons from a burning bakery.

—Christian Scientist—Have you ever tried the faith cure for your rheumatism? Patient—Yes, I'm trying it now. I've got in my pocket the left hind foot of a grave-yard rabbit that was killed in the dark of the moon, and I'm blamed if I don't think it's helping me!—*N. Y. Sun.*

—At the Comstock silver mines in Virginia City mining science has reached its highest point, according to a San Francisco newspaper, which says that there they carry water down a vertical shaft to the depth of 1,700 feet, and then gear it back to the surface, running the gigantic mills by the 1,700-foot pressure. When the plan was suggested to engineers of Europe they laughed at it; but now it's a proved success, and furnishes a power immeasurably greater and cheaper than any thing hitherto applied.

GENERAL SHERIDAN

Sets at Rest the Talk About Him for the Presidency.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The Washington agent of the Associated Press sought an interview with General Sheridan this evening for the purpose of ascertaining whether he would consent to make an authoritative statement in regard to his alleged Presidential candidacy. The General gave his consent, and it will be seen from the following verbatim report of the conversation that his declarations are thoroughly explicit: Agent—Of course, General, you have noticed that there has been considerable mention of you during the past few weeks as a possible, or probable candidate for the Presidency next autumn? General Sheridan—Yes, I have noticed it, but have never looked upon those newspaper articles as any thing more than the usual shooting around in the woods which has once or twice before in Presidential years brought my name up in that connection. "But, General, the talk is more serious this time, and there appears to be something like a concerted movement to bring about your nomination." "Well, I know nothing more about this alleged 'boom' than what I have read in the papers, except that now and then some friend has twitted me about b coming a candidate. But, if the matter is really now discussed seriously, it is time that all parties concerned should be informed that they are w sting their breath. I have never had the Presidential bee in my bonnet, and I don't intend to have, for there is nothing that would induce me to leave the profession in which nearly forty years of my life have been spent to enter upon a civil career. So all talk about my being a candidate may as well end." "But suppose the Republican convention should"—"Nominate me! *I would not accept.* But there is not the slightest probability of my being nominated; and, in any event, I would not accept. No, not under any circumstances. I do not want that or any other civil office."

WIND AND FLAME

Devastate an Illinois Town—Twenty or More Persons Killed and a Large Number Injured.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—Mount Vernon, Ill., a town of about 3,000 people, on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, about seventy-five miles from St. Louis, was visited by a cyclone at 5 o'clock this afternoon and a score of houses blown down. Fire broke out in the ruins, and for a time the whole town seemed doomed. The list of known killed at present numbers twenty one. Seventeen more were fatally injured. Among the houses wrecked were the county court house, Methodist church and Commercial Hotel. Every house north of Evans' mill for five hundred yards was blown down. The storm came from the southwest direction, from which nearly all Mississippi valley cyclones come, and was over in Mt. Vernon in a few seconds. Nearly every house on the court house square, except on the north side, was demolished. The list includes a number of fine business houses. At midnight all the fires had been extinguished, but the work of searching the ruins for bodies was still going on. Doctors from several towns in the vicinity have arrived and are assisting in caring for the wounded. Two or three hundred people were injured, most of them, however, not seriously. The damage to property is variously estimated from $500,000 to $1,000,000. It is not known what damage has been sustained in the country. East Main street for a quarter of a mile has hardly a house left standing, and, as near as can be ascertained, this is the case all over the city from near the center to the east end.

Adventure With an Eagle.

RICHMOND, IND., Feb. 19.—Nat Wright, a farmer near Cox's Mills, came to the city last night to have surgical aid given to one of his hands, which had been badly wounded in an adventure he had with an eagle. He noticed the bird swoop down into the barn-yard and clutch a hen, and ran to the chicken's relief. The eagle dropped the hen and charged Mr. Wright, driving its talons through his hand and striking at him viciously with its wings. Mr. Wright seized a club, and a desperate battle between man and bird took place. The bird fought viciously, but was finally killed. It measured five feet from tip to tip.

Railway Laborers Take the Town.

BILLINGS, M. T., Feb. 19.—The laborers of the delinquent Rocky Fork and Cooke City railroad, who did not receive their pay, have been supported by Yellow Stone County for the past month. The county commissioners refused yesterday to issue any more meal tickets. Upon learning this a mob of one hundred, by threats of personal violence, forced the chairman of the board to guarantee two days' more food. Incendiarism and riot are feared by the citizens, and danger is imminent.

Higher Liquor License.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 19.—The Metropolitan Board of Police, in executive session yesterday, increased the fees for liquor licenses. The three grades of the first class are raised from $800, $500 and $350, to $1,000, $600 and $400 respectively. Licenses of the second class are raised from $175 to $300.

Confederate Pension Bill Passed.

JACKSON, MISS., Feb. 19.—The Senate yesterday adopted the House bill to pay $30 yearly pension to officers, soldiers and sailors and their servants who served in the Confederate army from Mississippi, and who are now unable to labor because of injuries received in the service.

Fatal Quarrel.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 19.—This morning at five o'clock at the East Tennessee freight depot Dave Freeman, a fireman, and Willie Marshall, a car-coupler, quarreled over the switching of the engine, when Freeman picked up a brake-pin, and, striking Marshall on the head, killed him.

—Mrs. Cassidy—"Why don't you come down and see me, Mrs. McGinnis?" Mrs. McGinnis—"And it's you that's talkin', Mrs. Cassidy; and not a sight did I see of ye since last Aisther! Sure, if I lived as near to you as you do to me, I'd be droppin' in every week."—*Puck.*

—Somebody suggests that it is useless to go to the expense of buying works on Volapuk. The dialect stories in the magazines will answer all practical purposes

STOPPED THE TRAIN.

Forcible Work of a Father and His Two Sons

To Break Up an Elopement—It was Eminently Successful.

HARTFORD, KY., Feb. 17.—Mr. Andrew Holloway and Miss Nettie Alford boarded the train this morning to elope to Tennessee in order to celebrate a marriage to which insuperable objection was made by the father of the young lady. They boarded the train in high spirits at their success, but at the next station Mr. Alford, the father of the young lady, and his two sons boarded the train armed with shotguns. They took possession, ordering the conductor to hold the train until their mission was accomplished. He declined to do so, but a word of argument converted him to their way of thinking, and Mr. Alford and the elder of the two boys entered the coach where Holloway and the girl were. He refused to give her up, when Alford leveled a gun at his head, and the son seized the girl and carried her from the car to the siding. The others jumped off, and the conductor was told to pull out. Holloway pursued the party for some distance, but was overtaken by friends and brought back. He is forty-four years old, and the girl fourteen.

BAD PREDICAMENT.

A Horse in a Tree Top Waiting for Some One to Pick Him.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Norwichtown has the only horse in the world which has been up in a tree. He is an old blind horse and has passed to the stage when it is not of much consequence to him where he is or what he does. In hauling ice on the steep side of the Yan Yankie river he backed off a twenty-five foot embankment and lodged in the upper boughs of an old elm. He rested there easily, his forefeet dangling over a limb and his hind legs hanging over another, while on his face was an expression that was interpreted to mean that whatever he was he was satisfied that his job had become a better one than hauling ice up a vertical tackle. It was not easy to tell what to do with him, and twenty men gathered about the trunk of the elm and thought. Some one finally hit on an experiment. A man went aloft and fastened a rope to the tree top, came down, and thirteen men took hold of the rope at a safe distance from the tree. Then a woodman, went to work to fell the tree. The rest of the party waited to see the horse and tree come down. The chopper cut the trunk half through, the weight of the horse bore the top downward, the descent being graduated by the men at the ropes, and the animal was gracefully and safely lowered to the river ice. The horse was led around the embankment, hitched to the tackle again, and his job of hauling ice was resumed.

A Corner-Lot Swindle.

DULUTH, Feb. 17.—Inquiries have been received here from Buffalo, N. Y., asking information about Murray Hill, an addition to Duluth. No such addition is known. It is being sold in Buffalo by H. M. Backus and Edward Smith, and is described as situated in Township 18, 50, 14, which is back on the hills about four miles from the city, where property is not at all in demand. It is said that it is to be the future residence portion of Duluth, and that a cable line will run past it; also that it adjoins Grand View Park, which is also an imaginary addition. The Buffalo parties are selling the lots at $100 each, or about $800 an acre, claiming that in the Grand View addition they are selling at 400 each. Real estate men say the land is worth from $80 to $100 an acre.

Not Dead, but in the Pen.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—John A. G. Zavistowski, a Chicago upholsterer, disappeared over five years ago, leaving a letter to his wife, saying he was going to commit suicide. The wife recovered $7,000 insurance from benevolent societies. A man calling himself Towski has just been recognized in Stillwater penitentiary as the supposed dead man. He had married again and attempted to murder his wife, whose life he had had insured.

Four Killed.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—A special to the *Picayune* from Bastrop, La., says: The explosion of a boiler on Mrs. John Hart's plantation to-day killed two white men named Reems and Johnson, and two colored men whose names are not given. Four other men were so badly scalded that they are not expected to recover. The boiler was blown to atoms, and the gin-house in which it stood was demolished.

Alien Land-Owners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The bill to amend the law prohibiting alien persons and corporations from acquiring lands in the United States received the approval of the House Committee on Mines and Mining to-day. The amendment provides that the restrictions of the law shall not apply to mines of gold and silver, tin, lead, cinnabar or copper, or any interest therein.

The Big Gun Bored.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Feb. 17.—The work of boring the great steel gun was completed to-day. It will now be "turned off" on the outside, after which the annealing process will be commenced. This will take three weeks. The gun will then be sent to Washington to be tested. The workmen claim that the steel is perfect.

The Penalty is Death.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The jury in the case of August Hetzke, charged with beating to death with a strap his little stepson, MAX Gilman, returned a verdict this morning, finding the prisoner guilty and fixing the penalty at death.

A Lottery Raided.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The police yesterday raided what is known as the American Lottery Company, but which is conducted by Chinese. The entire operating force of the company was secured. The company is estimated to be worth from $100,000 to $500,000 and does a business estimated at from $10,000 to $20,000.

Emperor William Failing.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The Emperor is said to be in a very feeble condition. He is almost constantly in tears, owing to the news regarding the Crown Prince. The Empress is also deeply affected.

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

As Bold a Bank Robbery as You Ever Heard of.

CISCO, TEX., Feb. 16.—This place was thrown into excitement by a bank robbery about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At that hour C. C. Leveaux, cashier, and T. R. Blake and M. B. Owens were in the bank, when a man appeared at the cashier's window and demanded the bank's cash. Three other men appeared at the same time and took the three bankers in charge, while the first collected the funds of the bank, about $6,000 in cash. Mr. Leveaux's movements were too slow to suit the robbers when ordered around, and he was severely beaten on the head. The robbers locked the bankers in a yard back of the bank building, and jumping into a wagon fled down the street, saluting the astonished people with volleys from their revolvers, and displaying the bags of ill-gotten gains. The cashier was the first to free himself and rushed into the street, explaining the cause of the racket. In a short time Marshal Thomas and posse were in pursuit. The men were unmasked and an accurate description is given, from which the authorities think they know the men.

STRANGE CASE.

Disappearance of a Little Boy Sent to a Grocery—A Little Cousin Missing Two Years Ago on Precisely the Same Trip.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Feb. 16.—Yesterday morning Willie, the little son of M. J. McLain, residing at No. 908 Livingston street, River View, was sent to a neighboring store to buy a pair of stockings. The boy has not been seen since. His parents and neighbors have searched the entire territory of Kansas City, Kas., but have not gained the faintest clew to the missing child. The police were notified yesterday evening, but their search has been equally fruitless. The boy was seven years of age. A remarkable fact which his disappearance recalls is that his cousin, a little girl of eight years, was started to the same store two years ago, and no trace of her has been gained in all the months that have followed. Her parents have spent all they were worth in the search for their daughter. Willie's mother is said to be almost distracted with grief.

Canadian Opinion of the Fish Treaty.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—The Ministerial organs in commenting on the result of the Fishery Commissioners' work claim that the interests of the Dominion have been in no way sacrificed. The opposition papers, on the other hand, say it is practically a victory for the United States, inasmuch as the main point of contention—the right to touch and trade—has been conceded to the American Government, while there is no provision for a free interchange of products.

A Calf With Two Heads.

MILLERSBURG, O., Feb. 16.—The greatest curiosity ever seen in this county came under observation yesterday. It was a calf which a cow owned by John Painter, of this place, had given birth to, which had two perfect heads attached to the neck and branching off like two limbs; the eyes and nose were perfect in both heads and well developed. The animal died and was sent away to be stuffed and will be placed on exhibition.

Five Thousand Dollars' Reward.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Active search for John Clark, alias Cartwright, the supposed murderer of Millionaire Snell, was continued to-day. The police succeeded in finding a woman who was his mistress, and it is stated she furnished some valuable pointers which may result in the speedy capture of the murderer. Thirty thousand circulars offering a reward of $5,000 for Cartwright's apprehension were sent broadcast over the country to-day.

Small-Pox in Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The residents of this city are becoming greatly alarmed at the rapid spread of small-pox. Since January 1 one hundred and thirty cases have occurred, and there are no signs of an abatement of the plague. Twenty of the victims have already succumbed. The origin of the disease has been traced to some cheap lodging-houses on Fulton, Jay and Nassau streets. Six cases have occurred in the county jail.

The Sparrows Must Go.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 16.—Mr. Braman introduced a bill in the House to-day offering a bounty of one cent for killing English sparrows. The bill provides that on the presentation of birds of this kind in quantities of not less than twenty-five to the clerk of any township, that officer shall issue a certificate to the county auditor, who shall draw a warrant on the treasury for the payment of the same.

A Wife-Murderer Suicides.

XENIA, ILL., Feb. 16.—Leo Furth, the Wayne County murderer, who cut his wife's throat on the public road last Monday, and for whom a posse has since been searching, was found dead in a barn not far from the scene of the murder. He had crept into the barn and cut his throat with the same razor he had used on his wife. The crime which he committed was prompted by jealousy.

Canceled His Liabilities.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 16.—President Means, of the Metropolitan Bank, has canceled his liabilities to that institution.

A Consignment of Silk Worms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Commissioner of Agriculture has just received from Europe a consignment of silk worm eggs, which he will distribute gratuitously to all persons who desire to raise silk worms, and who are so situated that they can do so satisfactorily.

Four Burglars Given Ten Years Each.

LAWRENCEVILLE, ILL., Feb. 16.—The four burglars with whom the Porter family had a desperate fight for life Sunday, were indicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The sentence gives great satisfaction here.

A Lucky Bank.

SACO, ME., Feb. 16.—The end of the Saco Bank robbery sensation was arrived at this morning. The institution has recovered every dollar of the $265,000 worth of registered bonds stolen by Frank C. McNeally last August.

Death from Lockjaw.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 16.—A farm hand named George Weaver, working at John Peterson's suburban place, died from lockjaw this morning, caused by wounds on his hand, which was caught in a cutting-box Sunday.

THE EARTH RENT.

Great Excitement in Summit County, Ohio.

Houses Shaken and People Thrown From Their Beds.

AKRON, O., Feb. 15.—At two o'clock this morning many people in this city were awakened by their houses being shaken, while the residents of Sandy Hill, four miles south of here, were thrown from their beds, and their windows and ceilings cracked and fell to the floor. The first intimation of the disturbance came in the way of a terrible report, as of some great explosion in the vicinity of Sandy Hill, followed by houses swaying so that the denizens of that place fled in great alarm. This morning a great fissure was noticed at the seat of this earth disturbance. The families of Henry Snider, Lester Allen, Uriah Thornton, A. A. Schwartz and Jamas Porter, residing where the phenomenon manifested itself more forcibly, were terribly frightened, and some of their houses were badly shaken up. Similar occurrences were noted in this same district twenty-five years ago and again in 1882. Prof. Claypool and Prof. Reed have made examinations of the fissures, and have advanced the theory that the phenomenon was caused by the escape of gas from beneath the superficial layers of gravel and sand. Others, however, refute this, as gas-drillers in that vicinity have struck only very small quantities of the invisible fluid. The explosion last night made a noise like the discharge of a cannon, and was followed by low, rumbling sounds, the first noise being heard here at nine o'clock last night, while low mutterings continued up to the time that the final explosion came.

Again Found Guilty.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 15.—The jury in the Stanyard murder case returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. The prisoner's counsel filed a motion for a new trial. This is the second time Stanyard has been convicted. The prisoner's mother, whose devotion to her son has been remarkable since his arrest, was not in court, being detained at home by a broken arm, sustained by a fall, while on her way to the court-house on Monday. A 38-caliber revolver cartridge attached to the end of a stick by a wire was found in Stanyard's vest pocket when he was searched in his cell this morning. It is supposed that his intention was, when all the hope of escaping was gone, to hold the base of the cartridge in a gas jet with the bullet pointing into his mouth until it exploded. The idea was probably borrowed from Louis Linng, the Chicago anarchist. Relatives of the prisoner are supposed to have furnished the deadly apparatus.

A Farmer's Horrible Fate.

CONCORDIA, KAN., Feb. 15.—A farmer named Pius Bean, living near here, suffered death in a singular manner yesterday. He had a feed grinder, run by a windmill, and having occasion to climb above the grinder, the shaft, which was turning at the time, caught his clothing in spite of the man's efforts. His stout coat and pants were wound about the iron bars. He called to his employes to cut him down, but they could not reach him. It was a fearful squeeze. The sufferer's face grew purple, his eyes bulged and the veins stood out. At last the mill could wind no further and stopped, but too late. The last breath had been squeezed out of its victim, and he hung lifeless from the shaft.

Alleged Crooked Walking.

OMAHA, NEB., Feb. 15.—A local sporting man named Charles Bibbins offers to bet $5,000 against $2,000 that James Albert did not walk 621 miles in the recent race in the Madison Square Garden, and that he can not walk 550 miles in six days. It is understood that if the bet is accepted Bibbins will undertake to prove that the 621 miles was accomplished by Albert and a twin brother, who looks precisely like him, walking alternately.

Iowa Alien Bill.

DES MOINES, IA., Feb. 15.—In the House to-day a bill was passed providing that non-resident aliens holding real estate in Iowa shall dispose of it within ten years, but may hold 320 acres, or city property to the amount of $10,000; provided such is placed in actual possession of relatives, such relative or occupant to become a naturalized citizen within ten years.

Nasby is No More.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 15.—D. R. Locke, editor of the *Blade*, of this city, widely known as "Petroleum V. Nasby," died at 6:35 this morning. The immediate cause of his death was consumption of the lungs. David Ross Locke was born at Vestal, Broome County, N. Y., September 20, 1833, and hence was in his 55th year.

University Endowment for Chicago.

VIENNA, Feb. 15.—Mr. Lawton, the U. S. Minister here, has accepted from Harry Farber, a rich American relative of President Cleveland, who is studying law at the Vienna University, the offer of $1,000,000 to the American Government with which to endow a university at Chicago on the Vienna model.

Stepped on the Wrong Track.

GRAFTON, W. VA., Feb. 15.—M. E. Howe, a prominent lumber dealer in this section for seventeen years past, was killed to-night, near Rowlesburg, by a B. & O. train. He was returning from Kingwood, where he had been on business, and in stepping over on the west-bound track, to avoid a train going east, was run over by a west-bound train and instantly killed.

A Fish Treaty Made.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The fishery treaty was signed at 7 o'clock this evening, and the instrument is a decided victory for Secretary Bayard and his commissioners.

Little Windfall of $625,000.

ASHLAND, WIS., Feb. 15.—Samuel O'Grady Bennett, aged seventy, an eccentric individual, who has resided in this vicinity for years, has just received advices that he has fallen heir to £125,000 by the death of relatives in the county of Limerick, Ireland. He will leave for the old country in the spring.

Child Fatally Scalded.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—A child fourteen months old, of Frank Grandfield, of this city, fell in a wash-boiler filled with hot water and was scalded to death.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Legislative Proceedings.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 11.—SENATE.—Leave was granted to offer the following bills: To prohibit the sale and use of liquors in Rowan County; for the punishment of persons selling spirituous, vinous or malt liquors on parlor sleeping cars in the State. Bills passed: To amend the charter of the Northern Bank of Kentucky; to legalize two contracts between the town of Bellevue and certain parties for street improvements; to amend the charter of Maysville; to create the Newport fire and police district, and others.

HOUSE.—The day was devoted to the consideration of local measures principally. Bills passed: To amend an act concerning the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad Company; to regulate municipal elections in Louisville; to incorporate the Paducah and Illinois Bridge Company; to authorize Breathitt County to build a new court-house; for the better protection of owners of stock killed or injured by railroads; to amend the act to incorporate the Louisville, Cincinnati and Virginia railroad Company and several others of lesser importance.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 13.—SENATE.—The Cumberland river ferryage bill was passed. Bills introduced: To require a county license for the sale of cartridges; to amend the common school laws. Two messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed. Senator Berry called up House bill giving laborers a lien on the property of railroads, canals, etc., for pay for work on same, but it fell into the orders of the day.

HOUSE.—Mr. Wood offered a resolution that Wednesdays and Thursdays be devoted exclusively to the consideration of general laws. Mr. Riley introduced a resolution calling for an addition to the Prison Investigating Committee of one Senator and two Representatives to facilitate business. Mr. Gay offered a resolution calling for afternoon sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays to get rid of the business before the House. A communication was received from the Governor inclosing a report from the committee appointed by the Industrial and Commercial Convention. Another communication from the Governor throws a bomb into the camp of the Lunatic Asylum Commissioners. An act to authorize the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago railroad to build a bridge across the Ohio river in either Greenup or Bath County. Passed.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 14.—SENATE.—The Capitol appropriation bill came up and was made a special order for Wednesday.

HOUSE.—Bills presented: To incorporate the Cairo and Memphis Railroad Company; to incorporate the Boone Mining Company; to allow Owensboro to subscribe stock to certain railroads; for the continuation of the geological survey; to protect the lives and property of persons on railroads; to amend the common school laws, and several others of lesser importance.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 15.—SENATE.—Mr. Gilbert called up a bill for the benefit of the American Association, limited, with House amendment. It was adopted. Mr. McCann reported the Meade patent medicine bill adversely. Mr. Pieratt offered a resolution calling for the number of inmates in the Feeble Minded Institute, and the cost per capita for maintaining them. A good many claims were allowed for services rendered the State. Mr. Dickerson reported adversely on the bill relating to fines and forfeitures. The Speaker announced his unavoidable absence for several days, and the Senate will elect one of their number to preside temporarily.

HOUSE.—A bill relating to Bellevue was discussed and finally passed. Bills passed: To incorporate Kentucky Trust and Investment Company; to incorporate the Pittsburgh, Kentucky & Nashville Railroad Company; to accept $15,000 from the United States for agricultural experimental station; to incorporate the Louisville & Jeffersonville Bridge Company; to provide for the registration of voters in Covington.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 16.—SENATE.—Bills passed: House bill incorporating the Pittsburgh, Kentucky and Nashville Railway Company; authorizing the Governor to appoint a judge when the services of a circuit judge can not be procured. House bill amending the charter of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Virginia railroad with an amendment. A bill was introduced to levy a two-dollar per capita tax in addition to the ad valorem tax for the benefit of the school fund. The railroad commission bill was postponed until next Tuesday. A resolution to adjourn in honor of the semi-centennial celebration of the common school system in Kentucky, was adopted and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Pauper Idiot bill came up again, and was discussed at length by Messrs. Scott, Reed, Cook and others. Mr. Scott offered a substitute, but the opposition to the bill prevented a vote being taken, so the matter will come up again to-morrow. The Governor sent in a report of the United States Light-house Inspector for the Fourteenth District, in which he recommends that a law be passed to fine and imprison any person who breaks a glass or in any way injures a light-house. After the passage of a lot of local measures the House adjourned.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 17.—SENATE.—Bills passed: Authorizing the Chesapeake and Nashville Railway Company to issue bonds; incorporating the Louisville and Jeffersonville Bridge Company. The Senate bill establishing a Board of State House Commissioners came up as a special order. It provides for an additional appropriation to complete the State buildings. The Senator from Lexington offered the ground and $500,000 in money for the removal to Lexington. The various amendments and substitutes were defeated, and upon the final vote those in favor of Frankfort were 18 and those opposed 16. As it requires a two-third vote, the bill was lost. The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE.—The following bills were offered: For the benefit of estates of deceased persons; to incorporate a Bible school at New Castle to educate colored men to teach and preach the Gospel; for the benefit of assessors in this commonwealth; to suppress certain bawdy and gambling houses, exempting pool selling on race courses; for the benefit of graded schools; to amend an act to protect citizens from empiricism; to adopt the new General Statutes of Kentucky edited and published by J. F. Bullitt and John Feland, 1887; to regulate the operation and management of bridges spanning the Ohio river at Covington, and to prevent extortion and discrimination upon the part of companies, corporations or individuals owning, maintaining or operating the same; to amend Chapter 29 of the General Statutes. Section 1 reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any house of ill fame, assignation house, house of prostitution or bawdy house." This act provides the punishment therefor. The pauper idiot bill came to a vote, and the bill with all of its amendments was defeated by a vote of 7 to 7.

JOHN W. COOPER, a well-known insurance agent, while driving from Hopkinsville to his father-in-law's, in Trigg County, was thrown from his buggy, breaking his hipbone and inflicting other serious injuries. His lower limbs have become paralyzed, and it is thought he can not recover.

NATURAL gas was struck the other day at Carrollton at a depth of 270 feet.

MRS. LUCRETIA MUNDAY, on trial at Lexington for the murder of her husband, has been acquitted.

CAPTAIN R. S. HART, an insurance adjuster of Cincinnati, committed suicide in Covington by shooting himself in the head.

BOWLING GREEN'S electric light is shining and the place will shortly have street cars.

G. W. HOWARD was arrested by a U. S. Marshal, at Madisonville, charged with the forgery of pension [illegible]